

The Georgia Music Therapy Advisory Group met Wednesday, May 10, 2023, via Zoom through the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Georgia Secretary of State, located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

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Members Present

Jennifer Puckett
Steve Wilson
Kirby Carruth

Members Absent

Linda Hayes (unable to serve any longer)
Mary Holliday (unable to serve any longer)

Staff Present

Natara Taylor, Executive Director
Erika McKinney, Board Support Specialist

Natara Taylor called the meeting to order at 11:00 am on Wednesday, May 10, 2023.

Meeting Minutes

The advisory group reviewed and approved the December 19, 2019, meeting minutes. Wilson/Puckett

Annual Report

Natara Taylor presented statistical information regarding applications, licenses, and complaints for FY2014 through FY2023.

	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019
Applications Received	103	30	12	25	48	26
Licenses Issued	98	29	16	19	28	22
Complaints Received	0	5	2	2	0	0

	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023 (as of 4/30/23)
Applications Received	21	20	34	31
Licenses Issued	13	19	21	27
Complaints Received	0	0	0	0

Natara Taylor reported that, as of April 30, 2023, there were 175 active licensees.

Other Business

The advisory discussed that there were approximately 10-15 states that require licensure to practice as a music therapist at this time. North Carolina and Tennessee are looking at requiring licensure.

There was a brief discussion regarding insurance companies who are accepting billing for music therapy services. (Aetna and Blue Cross/Shield are providing payment for services. There are problems with billing Amerigroup. Schools that provide music therapy have contracts with insurance.)

The advisory group wanted to remind PLB to send reminders for the 2024 renewals.

An announcement was made that the 2024 SER-AMTA Regional Conference was being held in Atlanta Georgia in the spring of 2024.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on May 10, 2023, at 11:34 am. Puckett/Carruth